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SUBJECT: CONCORDE: FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT INTERNAL
REACTION TO POSSIBLE NEGATIVE DECISION BY
NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY

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DURING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT MARCH 4, FOREIGN
MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR GAVE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HIS
ANALYSIS OF THE LIKELY FRENCH INTERNAL REACTION TO A
NEGATIVE DECISION ON CONCORDE BY THE NEW YORK PORT
AUTHORITY MARCH 10. DE LABOULAYE SAID THAT THE GOF IS
NOW SURE THAT THE FRENCH TRADE UNIONS WILL IMMEDIATELY
IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO BOYCOTT ALL UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT
LANDING AT FRENCH AIRPORTS. THESE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE
SERVICED, LUGGAGE WILL NOT BE REMOVED OR LOADED, ETC.
THE GOF WOULD THEN BE FACED WITH A DIFFICULT CHOICE.
USE FORCE TO MAKE SURE THE AIRCRAFT ARE HANDLED, AND
DE LABOULAYE STRESSED THAT FORCE WOULD BE REQUIRED, OR
ALLOW THE US AIRCRAFT TO BECOME INOPERATIVE AT FRENCH
AIRPORTS. IF THE GOF OPTS TO BREAK THE BOYCOTT, THE
OPPOSITION, INCLUDING THE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE RULING
COALITION, WILL ACCUSE THE PRESIDENT OF CAVING IN TO THE
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AMERICANS. TO COUNTER THIS ARGUMENT, THE GOF WOULD HAVE
TO FIND SOME WAY TO RETALIATE IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL
AVIATION. DE LABOULAYE SAID THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE
GOF MIGHT COME UP WITH BY WAY OF MEANS OF RETALIATION,
IT WOULD NECESSARILY BE SOMETHING SILLY THAT COULD ONLY
EXACERBATE RELATIONS. IN SHORT, IN THIS ELECTION PERIOD
WHEN EMOTIONS ARE ALREADY RUNNING HIGH, THE GOF COULD NOT

SIT IDLY BY IN THE FACE OF A NEGATIVE DECISION BY THE
PORT AUTHORITY.
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